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COMPUTERISATION IN INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT .
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Direct Taxes Administration and to create a database on its various aspects, a comprehensive computerisation programme was approved by the Government in October, 1993 and the Directorate of Income Tax (Systems) was made the main nodal authority for overall planning and implementation of the computerisation programme including procurement of hardware/software and development installation of application software;

(b)if so, where the programme has been implemented in all by now;

(c)if not, the reasons thereof giving the details where computerisation has not been achieved; and

(d)the number of computer purchased with the amount involved therein ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. A comprehensive computerisation programme was approved by the Government in 1993 to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Direct Tax Administration and to create a database on various aspects of working of Income Tax Department. The Directorate of Income Tax(Systems)was made the nodal authority for overall planning and implementation of the programme in three phases. In Phase I, three cities viz. Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai were broughton the network through Local Area and Wide Area Networking using leased lines from the Department of Telephone. In Phase II, the network was extended to 57 other cities.In Phase III, the network is proposed to be extended to the remaining 418 cities and towns as well as up-gradation of main computer systems at 16 computer centers.

Phase I and Phase II of the computerisation plan have beenimplemented. Implementation of Phase III of the plan is to startin the current year. Till date 177 servers and 7736 PCs have been provided. A sum of Rs. 1,811,149,477/- has been spent till 31.3.2002 on supply, commissioning, installation, site preparation, networking, development and purchase of software, training and maintenance of computer systems.